Fire Department Millage Renewal Placed on Ballot

BY MARGARET O'KELLEY

At the May 22nd Township Board meeting, Fire Chief David Russo introduced a 20-year millage renewal to be placed on the August Primary ballot. He advised the current millage was due to expire in 2003.

Clerk Bowers immediately made a motion to approve the 20-year millage as a renewal on the ballot. Trustee Carey supported the motion.

Truste O'Kelley questioned the term "renewal" since it increased the years from ten years to 20 years. He felt it was technically not a renewal because of this.

The Township attorney said that it was considered a renewal because the rate was the same. Later in the discussion he said according to the tax code it was considered a renewal.

O'Kelley persisted that by doubling the years it was a new proposition and should be viewed as a new proposal. He asked the chief to help him in the history of the millage. The chief confirmed the original millage request was for 5 years and then later approved

 approved for ten years.

O'Kelley concluded his remarks by stating he was not in favor of putting the citizens "on the hook for twenty years." He said he would support the renewal but only for ten years.

Trustee Adkins said she agreed and said the residents have "been socked quite heavily with additional taxes." She went on to say she was more comfortable with ten years. She liked the idea of giving them the choice of allowing the citizens to come back in ten years.

Trustee Carey said, "I don't think any of us sitting here have the right to say that twenty years from now the people of the community will still want to pay that tax." She complimented the fire department as a "wonderful group" and appreciated everything they're doing. However, she said she was uncomfortable with asking for twenty years.

Treasurer Skrzycki also expressed his concern over the term renewal and changing it from ten to twenty years.

Supervisor Mitchell spoke at length about his support for twenty years. He said that services needed to be provided to the Township whether it was for five, ten, or twenty years from now.

He went on to ask why should we pretend we are going to be able to find a different funding mechanism other than millage? He used a leap of logic when he stated the 20-year millage would make the Township operate

on a leaner basis.

Skrzycki asked the chief if it is easier to predict 10 years or 20 years in advance. The chief responded that it was easier to predict on a ten-year basis and reminded the Board that they are on a five-year financial plan.

Trustee Krause asked what would happen if the renewal failed. The chief responded that it would affect the services. He cited three possible examples, the inability to purchase new equipment, payments for current vehicles would come out of the general fund and they may have to go to private EMS service.

After additional comments reinforcing the need for ten years instead of twenty years Clerk Bowers agreed to amend her motion to state ten years.

The following language will appear on the August ballot: "Shall the previous voted increase in the total tax rate limitations that may be imposed for all purposes upon property in the Charter Township of Huron, Wayne County, Michigan, be renewed for levy at 2.0051 mills (2.0051 per \$1,000) of state equalized valuation of all property within said Township for a period of ten (10) years, the years 2003 to 2013, both inclusive, to provide funds for the operation and maintenance of the fire department; which levy will raise in the first year of the levy approximately \$670,073.47? (This is a renewal of a fire millage presently being levied.)

Ice Cream Social Is A Hit

BY MARGARET O'KELLEY

On June 20, 2002, the Huron Township Historical Society held its annual Ice Cream Social at the Samuel Adams Historical House in downtown New Boston.

There were at least 120



Left to right: "Ice Cream Girls" Barb Gibbs and Nora Adkins

guests in attendance. Everyone seemed to appreciate the progress of the restoration. The rooms have been painted and so has most of the trim. The doors are in the process of being refinished and Nora and Sandy have done a beautiful job of wallpapering the kitchen.

The ice cream girls for the day were Barb Gibbs and Nora Adkins. They really deserve a big thank you for their hard work. The delicous ice cream came from Gibbs Sweet station.

Dusty Fiddles provided the entertainment with their vintage mountain tunes played on

guitars and dulcimers.

Please join the Huron Township Historical Commission and Society in their celebration of the fifth annual Historical Days on the second Saturday in September. Hope to see you there.



Left to Right: Sandi Somers, Nora Adkins, Larry O'Kelley, Frank Brown, Larry Kittle, Lou Gibbs.

Community Calendar

Daily

Historical Society Calendars on sale daily at Reininger Realty.

Monthly Meetings

Second Sunday of each month Open House at the Flat Rock Historical Museum from 1:00 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Monroe County Mothers of Multiples, P.O. Box 207, Carleton, MI, holds a Multiple Birth Support Group offering education, assistance and encouragement on the third Monday of each month at Mercy Memorial Hospital. For more information call Lisa Lothringer at (734) 654-9263.

Waltz Improvement Association meets the fourth Sunday of each month at 7 p.m. on park grounds in Waltz. New members are welcome.

Concerned Citizens Coali-

tion (C3) meetings on first Thurs. of each month at the American Legion Hall at 7:30 p.m. Call 753-4838 for info.

M.O.P.S. (Mothers of Pre-Schoolers) meets second and fourth Tues. of each month at St. John's Lutheran Church in Waltz from 9-11 a.m. Child care available. Come for rest, support, crafts, and affirmation for mothers of infants through kindergarten-age children. 783-3669.

The Recreation Committee meets the first Tues. of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Huron Township Hall.

Huron Athletic Boosters

will meet on May 1, 6 p.m. Meetings are held at Huron High School, Room 134. Call 654-3781 for info.

Southwest Wayne County Democratic Club meets the fourth Thurs. of each month at Lakeview Printing, 70 Davis St., Belleville, at 7 p.m.

Board of Trustees meet second and fourth Wed. of each month at 7:30 at the Huron High Lecture Hall.

Planning Commission meets the second Mon. of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Huron High Lecture Hall.

Zoning Board of Appeals meets the first Mon. of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the

Huron High Library.

Historical Society meets the third Thurs. of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Historical House.

Historical Comm. meets the second Thurs. of each month at the Samuel Adams House at 6:30 p.m.

Recycling Committee meets the first Thursday of each month, 6:30 p.m. at the Huron Township Hall.

Telecommunications Committee meets the last Mon. of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Twp. Hall. For information call 734-782-9784.

The VFW Post 6040 meets at 7 p.m. on the third Wed. of each month at the American Legion Hall in New Boston.

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The Senior Citizens van is available for doctor visits, shopping, etc. Please call Senior Director Pam at 654-9281.

Check with the Senior Director for Trips scheduled one day to a week. Senior Director's hours Monday-Friday 9am-4pm.

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Shopping at Meijer's every Thursday. Leave Senior Center at 12:30 p.m.

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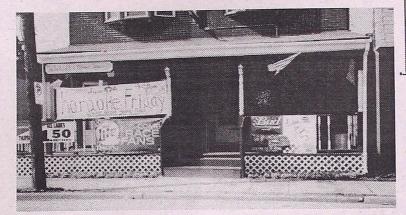
Local Business Has New Owners

BY MARGARET O'KELLEY

There will be a party in downtown New Boston on June 29, 2002, and everyone is invited. The Starting Line, a new pub and restaurant, is holding an open-house style Grand Opening. They will be having food and drink specials throughout the day and entertainment will include a Classic Car Show and Children's Events.

The Starting Line is family owned and operated by Sheila and Steve (Mom and Dad), their children Lori, Brian and Chuck and their niece, Deanna Tabor, the cook. It has always been Sheila's dream to own a pub and restaurant and you will always find her there from 10:00 AM until closing.

Their daily specials, Sunday through Wednesday, vary but on Thursday there is always a Steak Fry and



Ladies Night from 9:00 p.m. until midnight with bottled beer at \$1.50 and Bacardi Silver at \$1.75 and on Fridays there is a Fish Fry. A limited menu is available after 9:00 p.m. A much larger menu is predicted for the future. A Senior Citizen and Childs' menu being available ensures the menu is designed to be affordable for everyone.

Other specials throughout the week include NASCAR Sundays with racing-named drinks and Happy Hour Monday through Thursday, from 4:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday, from 12:00 Noon until 3:00 p.m.

They will be offering different forms of entertainment, which will include Comedy, Karaoke and Live Bands.

Sheila wanted everyone to know, "Our doors are open, come join us, we welcome all customers, both eaters and drinkers. You are welcome to stay as long as you wish."

Editors Note: We checked it out, the food was delicious and the atmosphere was warm and friendly.

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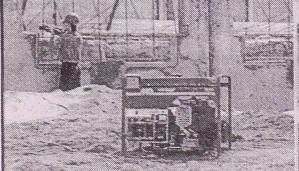
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Golf Outing a Huge Success

BY MARGARET O'KELLEY

On May 21, 2002, the Huron Township Chamber of Commerce held its annual Golf Outing at Lower Huron Golf Course. Ten foursomes participated and it was a day of fun and excitement for all.

Prior to teeing off, a lunch of hot dogs and munchies was provided for everyone and a delicious dinner of Bar-B-Q prepared by Satch Spillson and side dishes provided by Deb's Catering completed the outing.

The winners of the day:

FIRST PLACE: Lower Huron Chemical Supply, SECOND PLACE: Mans Lumber and Millwork, and THIRD PLACE: Milliken Millwork. The longest drives



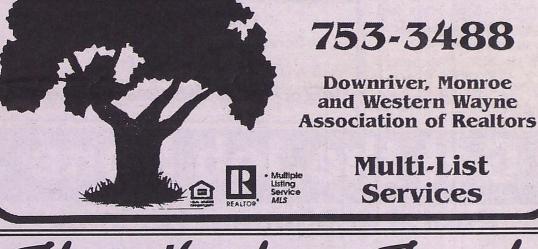
Lower Huron Chemical Supply: The Winners!

were Shawn Williams and Joe Jolly. Closest to the Pin were Jim St. Pierre and Stephen Cerni.

A special thank you to Georgette Willoughby. Although she is not a Chamber member, she donates her time year after year to help prepare lunch for the golfers.

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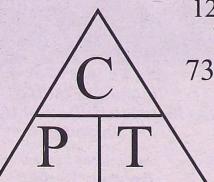
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MGM Grand Detroit Welcomes Oak Ridge Boys

BY GEORGETTE HERON-WILLOUGHBY

Summer is definitely here! The MGM Grand Detroit Casino has jump-started the season with their 2002 "Sizzlin' Summer Sundays" concert series. Lorie Morgan and Sammy Kershaw kicked off the series on May 26.

The Casino hosted The Oak Ridge Boys, who revved up Detroit with their very own unity of Country and Gospel on June 2nd. The Oaks have a very distinctive style to their show with a fusion of sweet soulful tones and such high energy it rivals the techno world. Their fans claim that this combination makes for the richest form of entertainment.

Some of Country Music's finest bands such as Alabama and that Statler Brothers have announced their retirement from the business. When I inquired about the status of the Oak Ridge Boys, Joe Bonsall state, "we'll keep singin' til God says it's time." The band has truly stood the test of time; they have actually been around since 1943. Of course, there

have been 30 different members over the years, as well as some changes in their style. Except for an eight-year period from 1987-1995 when Steve Sanders replaced William Lee, the Oak Ridge Boys of today are the most recognized with lead singer Duane "Ace" Allen, "the Golden Oak" William Lee Golden, "Philly" Joe Bonsall and Richard "the Bass" Sterban. This particular group of members has been very busy during their reign. Since the early 70's they have cut eleven gold and three platinum albums and one double platinum as well as numerous indelible singles like Elvira, Bobbie Sue and American Made. One of the secrets to their success is that they keep it real with love in the music they sing, unlike others who croon about drinkin'

The opening band for the evening was Tony Phillips.

still on top of the stack.

and cheatin'. In this era of

boy bands, these boys are

The series continues June 9 with Crystal Gayle, see the ad in this weeks' paper.

Editors Note: Diamond Rio

will be appearing under the special events tent at 5:00PM Sunday, June 30th. Call 1-877-888-2121 for additional info.





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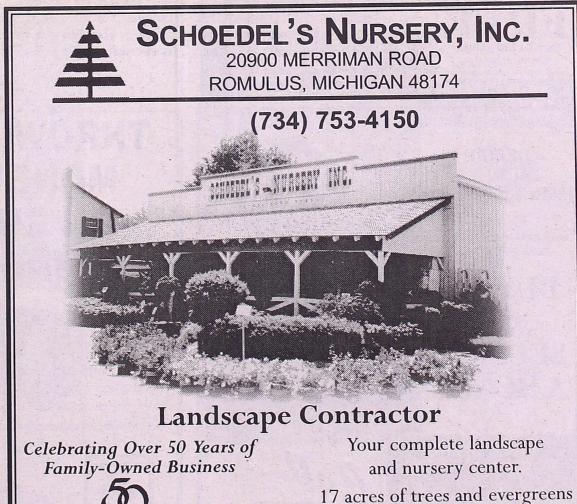
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Cancer June 22 - July 23

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Leo July 24 - Aug 23

Another meal enjoyed, another pound gained. Physical bruises heal easier than mental. Plan trip to family getaway and get away. Keep pace on trails with friends but don't overdo other activities. 4931

Virgo Aug 24 - Sept 23

Basics go out the window when you think of love life. Keep pace with Leo. Friends come back into circle. Plan trip to buy seasonal fun. Caution needed in large group events. All is too calm. 5912

Libra Sept 24 - Oct 23

The court is where you do best but who is the judge of that. Tipping glass one too many times finds you in unwanted mess. Clean house before evidence is found. Find mes-sage in back seat of old car? 5680

Scorpio Oct 24 - Nov 22

To and from, here and there. But where to travel is the question. Find time to celebrate with family and friends but keep all under control. Dog in yard causes trouble like before? Ask. 3453

Sagittarius Nov 23 - Dec 21

Your Cosmic Look For The Week Of June 27th through July 3rd

Keep up with the neighbors? Not your style. Make them keep up with your style. Make them keep up with you. Lost days in sunshine brighten life. Make time to see the lights. Keep children safe. Be ready to jump from boat?

Capricorn Dec 22 - Jan 20

Days at work bring you closer to ownership. But of what? Watch what you carry in bags as not to get you carry in bags as not to get bagged. Inlaws keep pace with all activities. Find info needed in heart activities. Sind info needed in heart action yellow pages. 3890 not in yellow pages.

Aguarius Jan 21 - Feb 19

Watch distance sounds from a distance for safety. Unwanted intru-sions near. Faithful dog alert status keeps all wondering, take trip with family and leave those you call friend home.

Pisces Feb 20 - Mar 20

Others see you out and about but don't see you. Best not to tell all you know as your voice falls on deft ears. Take time to be with those you love or need you. May be one and the same - maybe not.

Aries Mar 21 - April 20

Fortune smiles at you this week. Time to decide what you find valuable. Keep in line with laws unless planning celebration with holiday in mind. Be easily persuaded to do the

William Grover

Taurus April 21 - May 21

Pockets, pockets, pockets. Can't sink the ball in one or several - clean house now but don't hide things you may need in a hurry. Former love reenters life. You may not be able to explain this one.

Gemini May 22 - June 21

Ninth and 2 outs and you team is behind again. Think of ways to win the game and not disturb the trend. up to be. Trip to neighboring state brings home much needed fun. Caution needed. 3987.

Broccoli Ranch Salad

Serves 6-8

6 - 8 cups broccoli chopped small

1/4 cup dried cherries

1/4 cup sunflower seeds

3 - 4 sices bacon cooked and chopped

3 - 4 green onions - chopped

Combine all of the salad ingredients in a large bowl. Pour dressing over salad and stir to mix evenly.

Dressing

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3 Tbs. Red Wine vinegar

2 Tbs. sugar

1 tsp. salt

Combine the ingredients in a jar and shake until smooth



Broccoli is Good!

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Knights of Columbus Honor Knight of the Year, Family of the Year at Annual Awards Dinner

The Father John L. Hubert Knights of Columbus Council #5446 of Flat Rock, recently held their Annual Awards Dinner Dance.

Two selected committees reviewed the members of the council to determine the most eligible members for the Knight of the Year and the Family of the Year award.

For the year of 2001, Woodrow Patterson was selected the Knight of the Year, awarded to that individual who best represents the best of the best. Knight Patterson was active in the council, church, community, and other activities.

Thomas and Diane Duford were selected for Family of the Year. The requirements for this award are similar to the knight: active in council, church community, and other activities.

A special award, Heart of Gold, was given to Joseph

Oro, a council member for over 25 years, who has always been available to help at council activities when needed.

The dinner was well attended and Jan's Catering served another great meal.

Three new knights were taken into the Council in May, Father Santos, St. Roch's Parrish, John Yuhas, and Thomas Watson.





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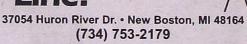
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